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To: Ecosystem Roundtable Members

From: Cindy Darling and Kate Hansel

Re: Technical Teams

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This paper describes the technical teams, what we are asking them to accomplish, and includes a list for each of the teams. Other than the San Joaquin team, we have not yet contacted the teams regarding their availability and interest in participating. Please provide us any comments or nominations of additional team members by January 29, 1997.

We anticipate that we can achieve the objectives through a one or two day intensive meeting and a subsequent 3 hour meeting to review the write-up of the first meeting. If Roundtable members are interested in the work of a technical team, it may be more productive and efficient to attend the follow-up meeting rather than the one or two day meeting.

As a reminder, any additional comments on the Implementation Strategy and the Needs Assessment are also requested by January 29. A meeting of the Needs Assessment subgroup has been set for ^{FEB}January 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Metropolitan Water District's Sacramento office conference room. Conference call capability will be available and the call-in number will be provided to Roundtable members next week.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Darling or Kate Hansel at (916) 657-2666.

What is a Technical Team?

Technical teams are being used to work on the technical aspects of developing actions to address the priority species and habitat types. These teams would operate under the following draft principles:

- Participation should be balanced to represent a diversity of relevant technical expertise and viewpoints.
- Participants can come from the CALFED agencies, stakeholder community, academic community, and from the broader public.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

- Participants include technical experts with a intimate knowledge of the Bay-Delta ecosystem including biologists, geomorphologists, engineers with specific expertise in areas such as fish passage or geofluvial morphology, water quality experts, or others who have extensive experience in fish and wildlife management in the Bay-Delta system. The appropriate mix of specific knowledge may be varied over time depending on need.
- A team can identify and seek additional expertise as needed.

What are we asking the technical teams to accomplish when they meet?

The objectives we are asking the technical teams to address were originally developed to guide the Category III spring run workshop. They have been revised slightly to accommodate the broader needs for the technical team meetings this year. The objectives are as follows:

- Review restoration goals for the species and habitats in their geographic scope that are priorities in the Implementation Strategy. These goals include those of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, or other planning processes.
- Review CALFED documents to identify the various factors that affect the species and habitats within their scope including interrelationships between factors.
- List key initiatives already underway to address these factors.
- Identify gaps related to important factors and needed programs, projects, and information; and
- Sort needed programs/projects according to ecological priority.

Proposed Technical Teams

An umbrella technical team will be formed that includes agency and stakeholder technical experts with interest and knowledge over the broad Bay-Delta ecosystem.

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Umbrella team members

Elise Holland, Bay Institute
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Pete Rhoads, MWDSC
Peter Moyle, UC Davis
Steve Ford, DWR
Terry Mills, CALFED
Larry Puckett, USFWS
Jim McKevitt, USFWS
Roger Guinee, USFWS
Chuck Hanson, Hanson Environmental
Bruce Herbold, EPA
Rod Fujita, EDF
Serge Birk, CVPWA
Bob Nuzum, EBMUD

In addition to the umbrella team, focused technical teams formed by joining the umbrella team with experts from specific geographic areas or in specific issues are being convened. Where possible, we have used existing planning forum's technical teams such as in the North Bay and in the San Joaquin River system to provide many of the regional participants for these teams.

Ecosystem Roundtable Members:

Randy Kanouse, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Tom Clark, Kern County Water Agency
Greg Gartrell, Contra Costa Water District
Jason Peltier, Central Valley Project Water Assoc.
Tom Zuckerman, Feldman, Waldman & Kline
Allen Short, Modesto Irrigation District
Bill Gaines, Calif. Waterfowl Assoc.
Gary Bobker, The Bay Institute
John Mills, Regional Council of Rural Counties
David Yardas, Environmental Defense Fund
Hari Modi, Northern CA Power Agency
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Tim Quinn, Metropolitan Water District of So. Calif.